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UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

Bombs and terror are sending families running for their lives. The global refugee crisis is a humanitarian catastrophe that demands immediate action. Human suffering like this has never been witnessed before.

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Dear [redacted],

My name is Anne-Marie Grey, and I am the Executive Director and CEO of USA for UNHCR. We help refugees — the desperate people fleeing the ravages of war, violence and persecution.

As I write this urgent letter to you asking for your help, 65.6 million men, women and children are displaced by violence, conflict and persecution. That's 1 in every 113 people worldwide. More than half are children. In Syria, people continue to flee war in search of safety every day. And fighting in Iraq is causing desperate families to run for their lives.

Syrian refugee children have witnessed unspeakable atrocities that have changed the course of their lives.

But I am not looking at the numbers; I'm thinking about the people — men, women and children. People with names, lives and families who cling to the hope that they might find a safe place, a future.

While you can't solve the refugee crisis, you can change a life.

UNHCR is on the frontlines to help, wherever conflicts and violence drive people from their homes. Aid workers distribute food, water, sleeping mats and blankets. But with war or violence in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Central African Republic and elsewhere, **our capacity is now at the breaking point. That's why I am urgently asking for your help.**

Can you please make an emergency donation to USA for UNHCR to help a refugee family fleeing conflict and violence? Your gift of $40, $50, $100 or any amount will put a safe roof over their heads, provide drinking water and food – the absolute necessities for survival.

More than half of all refugees are children. They have lost family members, homes and

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belongings. Some have been abused and tortured. Their lives will never be the same.

The refugee camps provide shelter, health clinics, even schools. But the camps are operating at capacity. **As soon as resources are received, they are being used up, as the people are just so desperate.**

I am hoping that we, as caring Americans, will reach out to help in this critical time. **Your support is needed as soon as possible.** It will be put to immediate use!

Your gift could prove to be lifesaving for the most vulnerable — children, the sick, the wounded and the elderly — and for those still living through barrel bombs and gunfire.

The sheer size of this crisis, with its spreading impact and rapid escalation of refugee numbers, threatens to overwhelm our capacity to respond. This tragedy must be stopped.

Can you please help by sending your emergency gift as soon as possible? It will make a lifesaving difference to a refugee family.

- **$100** can help provide 10 sleeping bags to keep families warm.
- **$50** can support a family for a week.
- **$40** can provide four families with jerry cans to access clean water.

I have seen firsthand the lifesaving impact of gifts like these. They mean the world to people whose lives are shattered by conflict.

Please respond as quickly as you can and please be as generous as possible. Your gift of $40, $50, $100, whatever you can give, will be gratefully received by the refugees you are helping — I can assure you of that.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please give today.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Grey

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Executive Director and CEO

P.S. We are in the midst of one of the worst humanitarian disasters of modern times. **Your donation is needed immediately! Please reply now with a gift of $40, $50, $100, even $500.** We will get it to the field right away. Thank you!